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## TROUBLE AHEAD IN ROAD TAX COLLECTIONS

Five Hundred Distress Warrants May Be Issued to Enforce Cameron Law.

A storm is about to rise in road circles in Marion county, owing to the fact of owners of teams engaged in hauling failing to pay the privilege tax of \$10 per annum provided by the Cameron law. Also owners of one-horse or two-horse teams not engaged in general hauling have failed generally to pay the \$5 tax assessed against them. Preparations are being made to enforce collection and distress warrants will be issued by the clerk of the Marion County Highway Commission, L. P. Brewer, under authority of the law and by order of the commission, J. J. Dykes, G. Sherman and S. T. Haskew. Penalties have already accrued against the delinquents, and some, it is said have offered to pay the tax provided the penalties were not collected. This was refused them, and it is said that one hundred distress warrants will be issued between now and Jan. 1 for team-owners in Upper Marion county alone. It is expected that 500 warrants will be issued to enforce payment, and the expense of issuing these warrants, officers' fees, penalties, etc., will amount to a pretty penny.

The automobile tax is getting considerable discussion. Under the state law the rate is increased from 30c horse power to 50c. Under the Cameron law in this county a rate equal to the state tax is assessed against automobiles, making it \$1 per horse-power. It was understood that the new state law was uniform for the state and that the Cameron law would not be effective, but it seems that it is going to be enforced. With all these fees the tax on a little old Ford will be \$23.50, and the tax on the higher powered cars of the rich citizens of the county will be close to and above \$100. There are two cars in this county, which, if paid according to their rating should be taxed \$96 each.

The team tax applies equally to those who never see a pike road in their hauling and thus embraces log-haulers in the woods, who have to come across with \$5 per annum first for having in possession a team, and then are

liable for \$10 more per annum for being in the business of hauling over or upon the public roads.

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Mrs. Chas. Grimes and children of Richard City came up Monday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Grime's mother, Mrs. Orpha Coppinger.

Merry Christmas.



## Christmas Song

Written for THE NEWS  
by J. B. TYGART

Some shepherds, watching in the night  
Were startled by a halo bright--  
An angel stood by them  
And said: "Fear not, to you we bring  
Glad tidings now of Israel's King  
Now born in Bethlehem.

And quickly then the shouts of praise  
Rang out o'er hills and mountain ways,  
While angels rend the sky  
With, "On Earth, peace, good will to men,  
To God be highest glory," then  
The angels homeward fly.

A royal heir from Heaven's throne,  
The greatest gift to mortals known,  
Was born on Earth that day.  
He left His home, a happy place,  
Came to redeem a fallen race  
And take their sins away.

Let gladness thrill each heart today,  
All gloom and sadness drive away,  
And men their tongues employ;  
For in the East still shines the star,  
For mercy's gate still stands ajar--  
Let mortals sing for joy.

With grateful hearts then let us bring  
Our richest gifts to Him, our King,  
And homage to Him pay;  
For He is worthy of the love  
Of all in Earth and Heaven above:  
Then crown Him King today.

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## Dallas, Texas.

Special to the News.

I have been hardly still long enough to write. After staying in Dallas a few days I returned to Arlington to be present at the wedding of my niece, Miss Callie Bracken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Bracken, of Arlington, the 7th of December. The hour was set for 7:30 p. m. At about 7 o'clock friends began to arrive. At the appointed time the guest room was filled to standing. The Rev. Bascom Thomas of Arlington, announced that the time was up and arrangements complete. The door leading from the guest room to the parlor was opened, disclosing a beautiful decoration in orange color with fine cut flowers tastefully arranged. There in the presence of many relatives and friends, Mr. Raymond Needham of West Tennessee, and Miss Callie Bracken, of Arlington, Tex., were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony, by the Rev. Bascom Thomas, in the beautiful ring ceremony of the M. E. Church. Congratulations and presents were in order. The doors of the dining room were then opened and the guests were then invited to the feast. After that I have to guess at what took place. I suppose at the proper time I was put to bed. At any rate I found myself in bed. My main weakness is good things to eat, and I soon lose control of myself.

The bride was dressed in white silk with all of the lace, ribbons, and other things that is necessary to produce a vision of beauty. I am not gifted with the power to describe a bride's dress, and I will leave it to the imagination of the readers. It was as handsome and beautiful a dress as any I ever had the pleasure of looking upon. The groom was dressed in a handsome suit of black. He was in the 90th Division in overseas service. Bat. E, 345th F. A. They have settled and gone to housekeeping at Webb, a small town 8 miles south of Arlington. I wish them all the happiness this life can offer.

Next day I went home with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Howard. Mrs. Howard is a sister of the bride. I stayed there until Thursday, then I went to Ft. Worth and stayed over night at my cousin, Mary Lewis's home, and Friday afternoon I came to my

niece's home in Arlington, Mrs. Robt. Odell, and stayed there until Sunday, then went to my brother's home 4 miles south of Arlington. Wednesday of this week I came to Dallas and am now with my daughter, Mrs. J. G. Payne.

Will have two more weddings to report after Christmas. Will return home to Paris Dec. 27th. I am wanting to get home now, but will go back to Arlington to witness the double wedding Dec. 24.

A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to the News.  
Lone Star.

## Near East Situation Now "Most Desperate in World," Says Hoover.



Herbert Hoover, who has now become a member of the Executive Committee of Near East Relief, which is raising for nearly 2,000,000 Armenian and Syrian refugees and who, if any one, speaks with authority when he tells of human suffering, says in a formal statement:

"In my opinion, the situation in the Near East is the most desperate in the world."

Mr. Hoover has sent a letter to Cleveland H. Dodge, treasurer of Near East Relief, 1 Madison avenue, New York, in which he says:

"In accepting your invitation to become a member of the Executive Committee of the Near East committee, I do so with reluctance, but out of a sense of duty towards one of the most difficult situations in Europe. Until some political settlement can be obtained for the Near East and some government established in responsibility for the care and repatriation of the Armenian population in the Caucasus, this mass of people must live sheerly by the charity of the United States. There are in the Caucasus approximately 1,800,000 Armenians, of whom 800,000 are entirely destitute—refugees from Turkey—and amongst them a tremendous mass of children."

"I cannot too strongly urge upon the members of the committee and their supporters the critical necessity of concentrating every possible effort to support Colonel Haskel's administration in the amounts that he requires; otherwise we shall witness one of the greatest tragedies of the entire war."

## Heavy Fall of Frost.

Monday morning occurred a fall of frost which was remarkable for quickness of fall and amount, ground, timber and roofs of buildings being covered so thickly that it resembled snow. At 4:30 there was hardly any frost to be seen, and the stars were shining brightly, but by 5:30 they had disappeared and a vapor seemed to be falling like a smoke. The phenomenon lasted only a few minutes, but everything was white with frost immediately after, and remained so for several hours.

## NOTICE.

Regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' Supply Co. will be held at Jasper Saturday, Jan. 10, 1920. It is postponed until second Saturday owing to the shortness of time of first Saturday from first of year, as it is impossible to get report of condition ready in that short time.

JAS. WELLS,  
Secretary.

Preaching.  
Elder J. G. Woodfin of South Pittsburg, will preach at the Baptist Church, Jasper, on first Sunday in January, 1920. All are invited to hear him.



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